

21 April 1960

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Mr. John J. Roberts
Executive Vice President
Empire State Chamber of Commerce
174 Washington Avenue
Albany 10, New York

Dear Mr. Roberts:

I regret the delay in answering your kind letter of March 25, 1960, which arrived when I was away from my desk.

Unfortunately I have a prior engagement of long standing on the evening of May 3 which will prevent me from attending the annual Congressional Dinner of the Empire State Chamber of Commerce. I sincerely regret not being present for an occasion which I know would be most enjoyable and instructive.

Faithfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

March 25, 1960

Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I am pleased to invite you and Mrs. Dulles to the annual Congressional Dinner of the Empire State Chamber of Commerce which will be held at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington on May 3rd. Cocktails will be served at 6:15 and dinner at 7:00.

Our guests will be members of the New York Congressional delegation and their wives, newspapermen serving in Washington and their wives and those New Yorkers presently serving in key positions in the Administration.

The program will feature three top-flight Washington newsmen in a "Press Meets Public" panel. Outstanding reporters of the national scene, Robert Donovan, Chief of the Washington Bureau, New York Herald Tribune; Nat Finney, Washington Bureau Head, Buffalo Evening News; and Paul Martin, Chief, Gannett News Bureau, will answer questions from the audience on matters of current topical interest. The panel will be moderated by Congressman Leo W. O'Brien.

Many business leaders from your home state will be in Washington in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and are planning to attend. I sincerely hope that your schedule will permit you to meet with them on this occasion and to get to know them better. Can you be with us?

Cordially yours,

John J. Roberts
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Executive Vice President

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